

REMARKS

Applicant has read and considered the Office Action dated August 13, 2003 and the references cited therein. Claims 1-4 and 8-14 are canceled without prejudice. Applicant asserts that the claims are in condition for allowance.

In the Action, claims 1-4 and 8-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Nakamura* in view of *Fleischman*. In addition, claim 14 was rejected as being unpatentable over *Nakamura* in view of *Fleischman* and further in view of *Hudson*. Claims 1-4 and 8-14 have been canceled without prejudice and Applicant asserts that the rejections are moot.

Claims 5-7 and 17-19 were previously allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

As the rejected claims have been canceled, Applicant asserts that the application is in condition for allowance. A speedy and favorable Action to that effect is hereby solicited. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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